

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))**

Docket No.  
R-001

In Re Application Of: **Richard D. RHODES, JR.**

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Title: **BOWLING BALL RETENTION UNIT**

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**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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- the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

**OR**

- the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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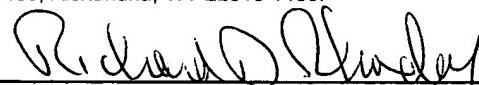
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